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Some Venezuelan Membracidae.¹

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Through the courtesy of Dr. William Beebe, the author has been permitted to examine a small collection of Membracidae from Caripito, Venezuela. The species represented in this collection should be recorded in the literature of the family since fourteen of the eighteen species have never before been reported from that country. The records of Venezuelan Membracidae are very meager and Dr. Beebe's material is valuable in that it furnishes additional information regarding the geographical distribution of the membracids.

The species represented in the collection, together with brief statements of their known general distribution, are as follows:

Membracis foliata Linnaeus.

Described from Surinam. Common throughout Central America and northern South America.

Membracis c-album Fairmaire.

May be a variety of *M. foliata*. Described from Brazil. Has about the same range as the preceding.

Membracis lefebvrei Fairmaire.

Described from French Guiana. Has been reported from Brazil and Mexico but from no other countries. This is the first record from Venezuela.

Membracis arcuata DeGeer.

Rather common throughout northern South America but this is the first actual record from Venezuela.

Membracis tectigera Olivier.

One of the most abundant species of the genus in tropical America. Is found from Brazil to Mexico.

Enchophyllum quinquemaculatum Fairmaire.

A rather rare insect which has previously been reported only from Brazil. This is the first record from Venezuela.

Enchenopa albidorsa Fairmaire.

Abundant in Brazil, Colombia, British Guiana and occasionally found in Argentina but not previously known from Venezuela.

Enchenopa lanceolata Stoll.

Very common over most of Central and South America but not previously recorded from Venezuela.

Enchenopa serratipes Buckton.

Formerly considered a variety of *E. albidorsa* but now known to be distinct. A new record of Venezuela.

Enchenopa ignidorsum Walker.

Previously known from Mexico, Panama, Ecuador and Dutch Guiana. Apparently not common anywhere. Another new distribution record.

Campylenchia hastata Fabricius.

Described from Peru with a general distribution from Brazil to Mexico. Very common in the Canal Zone area but not previously recorded in the literature from Venezuela.

Spongophorus guerini Fairmaire.

Another new record from Venezuela but its presence in this country is to be expected since it is quite common in most of northern South America.

Heteronotus vulnerans Germar.

A very rare species of the subfamily Darninae which has previously been known only from Brazil and is seldom

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seen in collections. Dr. Beebe has two specimens. A new record for Venezuela.

Heteronotus strigosa Butler.

Another rather uncommon form also recorded in the literature of the family only from Brazil. Another new distribution record.

Darnis latior Fowler.

Described from Panama and reported from British Guiana by Haviland and Funkhouser. This is the first record from Venezuela.

Ceresa vitulus minor Fowler.

Very common over most of northern South America and extends up through Central America to Mexico and southern United States.

Cyphonia fuscata Buckton.

Described from Brazil and known to inhabit Peru and Argentina. This is the first record from Venezuela.

Stegaspis laevipennis Fairmaire.

Known in the literature from Brazil, British Guiana, Peru and Colombia. Not previously known from Venezuela.